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CLAIMS

The embodiments of the invention in which an exclusive property or privilege is claimed are defined as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A one-piece unitary compression cap comprising:

a generally cylindrical wall having opposite longitudinal ends and a generally uniform thickness between said ends;

a shoulder extending radially inwardly from one of said ends; and at least one inward deformation in said cylindrical wall.

- 2. (Original) The compression cap of claim 1 wherein said inward deformation comprises at least one rib.
- 3. (Original) The compression cap of claim 2 wherein said inward deformation comprises at least one longitudinal rib.
- 4. (Original) The compression cap of claim 1 comprising a plurality of said deformations approximately evenly spaced about the circumference of said wall.
- 5. (Original) The compression cap of claim 1 wherein said wall defines a hole proximate said one end proximate said shoulder.
- 6. (Original) The compression cap of claim 1 wherein said shoulder extends around the entire circumference of said one end of said wall.
- 7. (Original) The compression cap of claim 1 wherein the other end of said wall flares radially outwardly.
- 8. (Currently Amended) A plumbing connection comprising:

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a fitting;

a conduit having an outer surface and an end in communication with said

fitting; and

a one-piece unitary compression cap on said end of said conduit and

compressed about said conduit to secure said conduit on said fitting, said cap including

first and second ends, a cylindrical sidewall having a generally uniform thickness

between said ends, and an inward deformation in said sidewall, said deformation

engaging said conduit and providing a friction fit between said cap and said conduit.

9. (Original) The cap of claim 8 wherein said cap includes a plurality of said inward

deformations spaced about the circumference of said cap.

10. (Original) The cap of claim 9 wherein at least some of said deformations are

longitudinal ribs.

11. (Original) The cap of claim 8 wherein:

said cap includes first and second ends; and

said cap includes a shoulder extending radially inwardly from said first

end, said conduit engaging said shoulder.

12. (Original) The cap of claim 11 wherein said cap defines a window proximate said

first end, whereby said conduit is visible through said window.

13. (Original) The cap of claim 11 wherein said shoulder extends around the entire

circumference of said first end of said cap.

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14. (Original) The cap of claim 11 further comprising a lip extending radially

outwardly from said second end of said cap.

15. (Currently amended) A method of mounting a conduit on a fitting comprising the

steps of:

positioning a one-piece unitary compression cap on one end of the

conduit, the cap including first and second ends, a cylindrical sidewall having a generally

uniform thickness between said first and second ends, and at least one inwardly extending

deformation in said cylindrical sidewall dimensioned to provide an interference fit

between the cap and the conduit;

positioning the conduit end on the fitting creating an interference fit

therebetween; and

compressing the cap to secure the conduit on the fitting.